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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1881.

CLERK.

JOSEPH CLEAVES.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

JOHN W. TRUE,                      JAMES M. THOMPSON,  
AMOS H. NEVENS.

TREASURER.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN I. STURGIS,                      GEORGE B. PIERCE,  
FREEMAN C. HALL.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.



# ANNUAL REPORTS.

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The Annual Reports of the Town Officers of the Town of New Gloucester for the year ending March 6, 1882, are herewith submitted :

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Town orders drawn for the fiscal year from March 7, 1881, to March 6, 1882 :

No. 1881.

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|---|---------|
| 1. Mar. 12. J. W. True, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor for 1880,       | \$54 00 |
| 2. Mar. 12. J. W. Thompson, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor for 1880,   | 54 75   |
| 3. Mar. 12. Amos H. Nevens, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor for 1880,   | 52 70   |
| 4. Mar. 12. C. P. Haskell, for services as S. S. Committee for 1880,                              | 39 75   |
| 5. Mar. 12. J. I. Sturgis, for services as S. S. Committee for 1880,                              | 17 25   |
| 6. Mar. 12. George B. Pierce, for services as S. S. Committee for 1880,                           | 29 75   |
| 7. Mar. 12. B. W. Merrill, for services as Constable for 1880,                                    | 12 00   |
| 8. Mar. 12. Joseph Cleaves, for postage and express,  | 1 00    |
| 9. Mar. 12. Addison Buck, for balance paid on sheep bought by the agent on the Town Farm in 1879, | 5 00    |

10. Mar. 14.	C. P. Haskell, for contingent expenses of S. S. Committee for 1880,	\$4 24
11. Mar. 14.	B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay for town reports for 1880,	34 00
12. Apr. 1.	Chas. H. Small, for labor on the highway for 1880,	7 62
13. Apr. 4.	Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for books and stationery,	7 67
14. May 3.	Dr. F. C. Dolley, for medical attendance on Francis Berry,	10 75
15. May 3.	Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on J. N. Strout's family,	20 00
16. May 18.	A. J. Haskell, for labor on highway,	6 25
17. May 30.	E. M. Morgan, for labor on highway for 1880,	6 13
18. June 1.	Z. A. Rowe, for labor, use of tools and materials on highway,	126 12
19. June 1.	Charles Ayer, for labor on highway,	72 07
20. June 21.	B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay school bills as approved by the S. S. Committee,	656 76
21. June 21.	B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay for labor on highway for 1879,	2 79
22. June 21.	Potter & Thompson, for painting and repairing hearse,	41 00
23. June 21.	J. M. Pollister, for supporting a public watering place,	2 25
24. June 21.	John B. Sawyer, for labor on highway for 1878 and 1879,	3 68
25. June 24.	Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Mrs. Frank Carpenter,	2 50
26. July 7.	S. H. Chandler, for money loaned the town,	1,000 00
27. July 11.	L. C. Berry, for labor on highway for 1880,	6 44
28. July 28.	Bela Latham, for labor on highway for 1878,	15 85

29. Aug. 2.	William Small, for board and care of James A. Verrill from Sept. 27, 1880, to March 7, 1881, per order of L. Tenney,	\$23 00
30. Aug. 2.	William Small, for board and care of James A. Verrill from March 7 to Aug. 1, 1881, per order of L. Tenney,	21 00
31. Aug. 2.	William Small, for labor on highway, 1879,	25 50
32. Oct. 10.	Dr. F. C. Hall, for medical attendance on J. N. Strout and family,	16 00
33. Nov. 15.	Frank Cummings, for painting school houses,	17 85
34. Nov. 22.	J. F. Wescott, for four cords hard wood fitted for the stove for Dorcas Pickett,	14 50
35. Nov. 29.	E. F. Bean, for iron rods for guide posts and labor on same,	28 39
36. Nov. 29.	J. P. Eveleth, for painting and lettering forty guide boards, also for furnishing 12 lbs. sheet lead, 3 boards, and paint for posts,	25 73
37. Dec. 7.	William Witham, Jr., for abatement on money tax for the years 1873 to 1879, inclusive,	14 22
38. Dec. 26.	A. Estes, for 37 guide boards,	5 25
39. Dec. 26.	J. W. True, for cash advanced to pay pauper expenses of Jemimie Ruby for 1880,	5 00
40. Dec. 26.	B. D. Rideout, for stair rail for school house,	2 04
41. Dec. 26.	Dr. F. C. Hall, for school supplies, 1882.	3 00
42. Jan. 4.	B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay road bill, as approved by Z. A. Rowe,	1,380 75
43. Jan. 4.	B. W. Merrill of Raymond, for labor on highway, 1879,	1 05
44. Jan. 4.	A. L. & E. F. Goss, for second-hand cook stove for Dorcas Pickett,	8 15



45. Jan. 4.	B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay school bills, as approved by S. S. Committee,	\$1,177 13
46. Jan. 4.	George Blake, for school books for W. H. Tripp's family (Gray pauper),	1 00
47. Jan. 5.	George Blake & Son, school books for W. H. Tripp's children (Gray pauper),	77
48. Jan. 5.	Z. A. Rowe, for labor, use of tools, lead, and one iron rod for guide board,	8 84
49. Jan. 5.	I. H. Keith, for glass for town house,	1 30
50. Jan. 5.	I. H. Keith, for cloth for Clarissa Berry,	2 20
51. Jan. 5.	I. H. Keith, for pauper supplies furnished J. N. Strout (Raymond pauper),	7 00
52. Jan. 5.	I. H. Keith, 75 bolts for guide boards,	1 50
53. Jan. 5.	I. H. Keith, for screws, lead, and nails for guide boards,	46
54. Jan. 5.	I. H. Keith, for 400 pounds lead and 24 gallons oil to paint school houses,	41 70
55. Jan. 5.	S. E. Witham, for labor on highway, 1879,	2 32
56. Jan. 7.	A. A. Hunnewell, for labor putting up guide boards,	15 31
57. Feb. 10.	Dr. F. C. Hall, for medical attendance on Dennis Strout's family (Bradford pauper),	13 00
58. Feb. 10.	E. F. Bean, for iron rods for guide board posts and labor,	8 21
59. Feb. 10.	Richard Dresser, for services as surveyor to <u>perambulate</u> line between Auburn and New Gloucester,	3 95
60. Feb. 10.	J. P. Eveleth, for making and painting 6 guide boards,	4 80
61. Feb. 10.	J. P. Eveleth, for repairing school house at lower corner,	2 25
62. Feb. 10.	H. A. Symonds, for painting school house at Upper Gloucester,	14 37

Bald Hill ?



63. Feb. 10. Sewall Gross, for school supplies,	\$0 92
64. Feb. 10. Sewall Gross, for pauper supplies furnished Susan Cobb, March 7, 1881,	8 00
65. Feb. 10. Sewall Gross, for pauper supplies furnished Moses Welsh,	5 00
66. Feb. 10. Sewall Gross, for pauper supplies furnished Susan Cobb, June 23, 1881,	8 00
67. Feb. 10. Sewall Gross, for pauper supplies furnished Dorcas Pickett,	5 00
68. Feb. 10. I. H. Keith, for pauper supplies for Clarissa Berry,	4 05
69. Feb. 11. B. J. R. Small, for rent of pound for year ending March 1st, 1881,	4 00
70. Feb. 11. S. H. & A. C. Chandler, for 140 feet underpinning for school house "over hill," in 1879,	4 20
71. Feb. 11. George Blake & Son, for pauper supplies furnished Dorcas Pickett,	5 00
72. Feb. 11. George Blake & Son, for pauper supplies furnished Emmons Verrill,	10 00
73. Feb. 15. Dr. F. C. Hall, for medical attend- ance on a tramp,	2 00
74. Feb. 15. Dr. F. C. Hall, for medical attend- ance on the family of T. Berry,	6 00
75. Feb. 18. B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay road bills for the year 1880,	362 80
76. Feb. 18. C. A. Winslow, for labor in the cem- etery at the Lower Corner,	4 50
77. Feb. 18. A. Morrell, for Frank Edwards' proportion of school money,	17 04
78. Feb. 18. Sumner Gowell, for proportion of school money for District No. 10 (annexed to Poland),	45 44
79. Feb. 18. John W. Fickett, for Elbridge Tit- comb's proportion of school money (an- nexed to Pownal),	11 36
80. Feb. 20. William Small, for board and care	

of James A. Verrill, from Aug. 1st, 1881, to Feb. 20th, 1882, as per order of L. Ten- ney,	\$29 00
81. Feb. 20. B. J. R. Small, for repairing plaster- ing in school house, Lower Corner,	2 00
82. Feb. 20. J. W. Mitchell, for pauper supplies furnished T. Berry (Poland pauper),	3 03
83. Feb. 20. Sewall N. Martin, for attending fif- teen funerals with hearse,	30 00
84. Feb. 20. Sewall N. Martin, for labor in the cemetery at Upper Corner, and taking hearse to Lewiston and back,	11 50
85. Feb. 20. C. A. Andrews, for balance of sal- ary as agent on the town farm for the year 1881,	319 34
86. Feb. 21. A. H. Nevens, for labor and cash paid out in putting up guide boards,	16 92
87. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for abatement of school house taxation in District No. 10, also Ammi Wells and Elbridge Titcomb,	11 54
88. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay road bills as approved by Z. A. Rowe,	276 28
89. Feb. 21. H. R. Millett, for insurance on school houses in Districts No. 1, 7, and 12,	21 34
90. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay for public watering places for 1881,	25 87
91. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to school bills as approved by S. S. Committee,	916 78
92. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for collecting the taxes for the year 1880,	107 75
93. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for abatements on assessments for 1877,	3 00
94. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for abatements on assessments for 1878,	16 00
95. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for abatements on assessments for 1879,	10 69
96. Feb. 21. B. W. Merrill, for abatements on assessments for 1880,	91 08

97. Feb. 21.	B. W. Merrill, for abatements on assessments for 1881,	\$5 40
98. Feb. 21.	J. W. True, for contingent expenses,	5 70
99. Feb. 21.	J. W. True, for hauling guide boards and posts,	75
100. Feb. 21.	J. W. True, for brackets and freight on stair rail for school house,	1 25
101. Feb. 21.	J. W. True, for taking care of tramps,	50
102. Feb. 21.	J. W. True, for postage and stationery,	3 01
103. Feb. 21.	J. M. Thompson, for contingent expenses,	1 29
104. Feb. 21.	B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay pauper expenses,	22 70
105. Feb. 21.	B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay interest on town order to S. H. Chandler,	29 00

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

	BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Dr.
1881.		
Feb. 21.	To cash in Treasury,	\$1,542 28
Mar. 25.	Liquor kegs sold at auction,	3 33
May 10.	Rec'd of town of Raymond, pauper expenses,	47 35
June 21.	Rec'd of Rev. J. Dinsmore, for lot No. 98 in cemetery Lower Cor.,	10 00
July 7.	Rec'd of S. H. Chandler, money loaned the town,	1,000 00
Sept. 3.	Rec'd from the town of Poland, pauper expenses,	6 00
Oct. 11.	Rec'd of B. W. Merrill, Treas. of school fund, balance due on a note for 1880,	42 00



Oct. 11.	Rec'd of B. W. Merrill, Treasurer of school fund,	\$259 49
Oct. 13.	Rec'd of State Treasurer, mill tax due Jan. 1, 1881,	458 39
Oct. 13.	Rec'd of State Treas., school fund, 1882.	182 35
Feb. 18.	Rec'd from town of Bradford, for pauper expenses,	13 00
Feb. 18.	Am't of taxes committed to the col- lector for year 1881, after de- ducting State and county taxes,	6,877 40
Feb. 18.	Interest collected on taxes of 1880,	26 72
		<hr/> \$10,468 31

BEJAMIN W. MERRILL, *Treasurer.* CR.

1882.

Feb. 21.	By 106 orders returned and cancelled,	\$7,655 52
Feb. 21.	<i>Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,</i>	2,812 79
		<hr/> \$10,468 31

During the year the Selectmen have caused the school houses in Districts No. 2, 3, 7, and 12 to be painted, and a few small repairs to be made at a cost of \$81.46; and they would suggest that a small appropriation be made for ordinary repairs.

Forty-five new guide boards have been put up, all, except three, on iron posts at all points considered necessary, with three exceptions, at a cost of \$116.16. Boards and posts are on hand for the needed places, ready to be put up as soon as the condition of the ground will admit.

Sewall N. Martin was appointed Superintendent of Burials. He has attended fifteen funerals during the year. The following appointment of sextons was made: Philo C.

Burgess, at the Pond; W. F. Hulitt, "Over the hill;" Sewall N. Martin, at Upper Gloucester; Charles A. Winslow, at Lower Corner; M. C. Clark, at the Webber Yard. The hearse has been painted and repaired, and a few necessary repairs at the yards, at a cost of \$57.00.

By agreement with the municipal officers of the City of Auburn, Richard Dresser, Esq., was employed to survey and perambulate the line between New Gloucester and the City of Auburn, which was done to our satisfaction. The returns have been made and duly recorded.

In order to meet the demands against the town during the first part of the year, on account of road and school bills, it was found necessary to hire one thousand dollars. The same has since been paid by the Treasurer.

In regard to the school house lot in District No. 1, we made an earnest but unsuccessful effort to purchase a suitable lot. In view of the fact that we could not secure what we deemed a suitable lot at present without resorting to a legal process, and perplexing delays, and that there is a prospect of making an arrangement that will be more satisfactory to the citizens of the district than any purchase we could make, we thought it best for the matter to be laid before the town for their further consideration.

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## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

### RESOURCES.

Cash in the Treasury,	\$2,812 79
State mill tax, due Jan. 1, 1882,	471 20
State school fund, due Jan. 1, 1882,	183 05
Railroad and telegraph tax for 1881,	258 56
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1882,	272 49
Due from the town of East Livermore,	15 00
“ “ Baldwin,	20 11
“ “ Gray,	1 77

Due from the town of Raymond,	\$43 00	
“ “ Poland,	9 03	
“ “ Phillips,	2 50	
“ Parker S. Sawyer, for wood,	5 00	
“ Mrs. Susan Cobb,	16 00	
Mrs. Susan Cobb's note,	15 00	
Liquor and casks, as per bill,	74 26	
Due for tuition of scholars from the town of Poland,	40 14	
Due from the town of Gray for the tuition of scholars for the years 1880 and 1881, estimated,	15 00	
Bills due on town farm account,	12 85	
	<hr/>	\$4,267 75

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	\$3 30	
Amount due the schools,	571 25	
Collector's fees for 1881,	69 34	
Town Officers' bills for 1881, estimated,	300 00	
Due the town of Poland,	7 00	
Due the town of Oxford,	27 00	
Outstanding bills, estimated,	75 00	
Outstanding road bills, estimated,	340 00	
<i>Balance in favor of the town,</i>	2,874 86	
	<hr/>	\$4,267 75

## ROAD ACCOUNT.

Amount due the roads March 1, 1881,	\$125 32	
Amount appropriated for roads,	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,625 32
Orders drawn during the year for roads,	\$2,244 46	
Bills approved by the road commis- sioner,	140 32	
Outstanding bills estimated by road commissioner,	200 00	
<i>Balance,</i>	40 54	
	<hr/>	\$2,625 32



## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The total valuation of real and personal estate is \$806,968.00.

## MONEY TAX.

Amount assessed for State tax,	\$3,692 36
“ “ county tax,	986 73
“ “ support of schools,	1,525 00
“ “ contingent ex- penses,	1,850 00
Amount assessed for repairs of school houses,	250 00
Amount assessed to remove and repair the school house in District No. 1,	800 00
Amount assessed for the repair of roads and bridges,	2,000 00
Amount assessed to keep the cemeter- ies and hearse in repair,	140 00
Amount of overlay,	312 40
Total,	<hr/> \$11,556 49

Rate of taxation, 13 1-2 mills on a dollar. Poll tax, \$2.00.

By the law of 1880, the names of all male citizens of this State, between the ages of 18 and 45, shall biennially, in April, be enrolled by the Assessors, and such list to be filed with the town clerk before the first day of May. That law has been complied with, and a list of 222 names has been enrolled and filed with the town clerk.

The Assessors are required by law to ascertain, by enquiry, the births and deaths during the year, and the following is a copy of the list of the births and deaths for the year ending March 31st, 1881, as returned to the town clerk.

The following is a list of the Births that have occurred in the town of New Gloucester during the year ending March 31, 1881, as given in to the Assessors in April of said year:

Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.	Date of Birth.
Ernest N.	Son.	John Cunningham.	(1880.)
David W.	Son.	Lucy E. Cunningham.	April 7.
Alton.	Son.	Mark F. Jordan.	April 15.
George W.	Son.	Eliza E. Jordan.	May 11.
Almeda A.	Daughter.	Joseph B. Torrey.	May 27.
Cora E.	Daughter.	Flora E. Torrey.	June 7.
Ellen M.	Daughter.	James Clark.	Sept. 20.
Harry H.	Son.	Jane Clark.	Sept. 14.
Hattie S.	Daughter.	John F. Foster.	Oct. 7.
Alice E.	Daughter.	Emily J. Foster.	Nov. 4.
Mary W.	Daughter.	Joseph N. Strout.	Nov. 5.
Robert F.	Son.	Clara F. Strout.	Nov. 26.
Charles A.	Son.	Everett N. Gilbert.	Dec. 8.
Frank B.	Son.	Josephine Gilbert.	(1881.)
Edith S.	Daughter.	B. S. Shailer.	Jan. 10.
George W.	Son.	Hattie H. Shailer.	Feb. 17.
Elmer J.	Son.	J. W. Mitchell.	Mar. 9.
		Abbie M. Mitchell.	Mar. 30.
		Nelson B. Waldren.	
		Alfreda Waldren.	
		Addison Buck.	
		Julia L. Buck.	
		Andrew C. Chandler, Jr.	
		Cora E. Chandler.	
		Jonathan Sawyer.	
		Clarissa J. Sawyer.	
		H. Ward Johnson.	
		Betsey C. Johnson.	
		Charles R. Strout.	
		Laura J. Strout.	
		John W. True.	
		Carrie M. True.	
		Samuel L. Harmon.	
		Laura A. Harmon.	

The following is a list of the deaths that have occurred in the town of New Gloucester during the year ending March 31, 1881:

Name of Deceased.	Date of Death.	Age.	Remarks.
	1880.		
A. C. M. Foxcroft,	April 12.	68 yrs.	
Dr. A. Q. Marshall,	May 3.	42 yrs. 8 mos.	
Rosetta V. Bickford,	May 5.	23 yrs. 5 mos.	Daughter of S. C. Bickford.
Frances H. Haskell,	May 9.	70 yrs. 7 mos. 28 dys.	Wife of Wm. Haskell.
Caroline Jordan,	June 23.	63 yrs.	Wife of Ivory Jordan.
Ellen E. Dunn,	June 29.	39 yrs. 2 mos.	Wife of Howard M. Dunn.
Ann M. Witham,	Aug. 22.	62 yrs. 3 mos. 19 dys.	Wife of S. E. Witham.
Lucy Small,	Sept. 19.	74 yrs.	Widow of John Small.
Sarah Keith,	Sept. 14.	84 yrs.	Widow of Freedom Keith.
Gracie I. Sturgis,	Oct. 10.	8 yrs. 5 mos. 19 dys.	Daughter of Dr. J. I. Sturgis.
Lemuel R. Fogg,	Oct. 22.	64 yrs.	
Nathaniel Sawyer,	Dec. 12.	68 yrs. 6 mos.	
	1881.		
Clara L. Hall,	Jan. 9.	33 yrs. 2 mos.	Wife of Dr. F. C. Hall.
Betsey Haskell,	Jan. 21.	74 yrs. 10 mos.	Widow of Peter Haskell,
Olive S. Campbell,	Feb. 3.	73 yrs. 11 mos.	Wife of A. P. Campbell.
Calvin Stevens,	Feb. 16.	69 yrs. 3 mos. 25 dys.	
Thankful Chandler,	Feb. 16.	88 yrs. 6 mos.	
John Morgan,	Feb. 28.	91 yrs. 7 mos. 20 dys.	
John Higgins,	Mar. 12.	69 yrs. 9 mos. 15 dys.	
Anna P. Witham,	Mar. 31.	26 yrs.	Wife of J. A. Witham.

## ABATEMENTS.

Abatements of taxes have been made to Benjamin W. Merrill, Collector, as follows:

1877.

G. T. Merrow, by reason of residence unknown, poll tax,	\$3 00
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1878.

Wm. C. Higgins, by reason of residence unknown, poll tax,	3 00
Samuel M. Higgins, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	3 00
Cyrus Larrabee, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	3 00
Parker S. Sawyer, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	4 00
Emmons Thurlow, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	3 00

1879.

Frank Carpenter, by reason of residence unknown, poll tax,	1 50
Leroy Farrar, by reason of disability, poll tax,	1 50
George W. Haskell, 1st, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	1 50
Cyrus Larrabee, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	1 69
Parker S. Sawyer, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	1 50
Calvin Stevens, by reason of being dead, poll tax,	1 50
Joseph P. Torrey, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	1 50

1880.

S. W. Ayer, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	2 00
J. S. Ayer, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	2 00
Josiah Bartlett, by reason of non-residence,	1 64
Joseph Ballard, by reason of residence unknown, poll tax,	2 00
D. M. Cook, by reason of non-residence, poll tax and personal estate,	4 00



Benjamin Chesley, by reason of irregular returns, highway def.,	\$1 00
Jabez Carpenter, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	2 19
Frank Carpenter, by reason of residence unknown, highway def.,	1 00
Richard Edwards, by reason of being poor, high- way def.,	1 00
Leroy Farrar, by reason of disability, poll tax,	2 00
Wallace Gower, by reason of being dead, poll tax and highway def.,	3 00
J. K. Gould, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	2 00
George W. Haskell, 1st, by reason of being poor, poll tax and highway def.,	3 00
William C. Higgins, by reason of residence un- known, poll tax and highway def.,	3 00
S. M. Higgins, by reason of non-residence, poll tax and highway def.,	3 00
O. B. Hunnewell, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	2 00
Joseph Jordan, by reason of old age, being over 70 years of age, poll tax,	2 00
Cyrus Larrabee, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	2 25
Theo. Libby, by reason of over valuation on real est.,	1 00
C. W. Megquier, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	2 00
Chas. Marston, by reason of being dead, poll tax,	2 00
Seth W. Perkins, by reason of non-res., poll tax,	2 00
Wm. D. Ryder, by reason of being old and infirm, poll tax,	2 00
Charles R. Strout, by reason of non-res., poll tax,	2 00
Joseph N. Strout, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00
Parker S. Sawyer, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	3 00
W. H. Tripp, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00
Henry Verrill, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00
Joseph Verrill, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00
Charles M. Watts, by reason of being dead, poll tax,	2 00

Simon Wells' heirs, by reason of non-res., personal est.,	20 00
George S. Wilson, 2d, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	2 00
Henry Young, by reason of non-res., poll tax,	2 00
C. P. Holt, by reason of non-residence, poll tax,	2 00
Charles Merrow, by reason of error in taxing, poll tax,	2 00
1881.	
Joseph L. Coombs' heirs, by reason of being poor, real estate,	5 40

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## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers in discharging their duties have had some perplexing cases to contend with, but all such cases have been disposed of in a manner considered best for the interest of all parties concerned.

Notice was received from the Overseers of the Town of Oxford, that the family of Emmons Verrill had fallen into distress in that town, and that they had relieved them. The case was investigated and it was thought necessary to assist them, as Mrs. Verrill was sick with consumption and not in a condition to be removed to the farm. She has since died. The bills are not all in, but the whole expense will probably amount to \$50.00.

The case of John Golding has been more fully investigated, and it was found that he probably has no settlement in the State; in that case the children would follow the settlement of their mother, which would be the town of Baldwin. A conference has been held with the Overseers of the town of Baldwin and the case can probably be settled without a suit.

James A. Verrill has been supported at his home for the past year, at a cost of one dollar per week.

The case of Dorcas Pickett is a perplexing one. She being

a deaf mute and being unable to read or write, it was thought best to provide for her partial support for the past year at her home, at a cost of \$32.65, for the following items: One stove, \$8.15 ; wood, \$14.50 ; provisions, \$10.00.

Wesley Strout having been sick and he and his family in need of relief, it was furnished to the amount of \$5.00.

Carrie Bell Tripp still remains with Mr. Rufus S. Starbird, and Deborah E. Tripp, with Mr. S. A. Plummer, and it is thought that both have good homes.

It may be seen that a sum of \$161.15 has been paid out for medical attendance and supplies, for poor people not living on the Town Farm, but having a settlement in town. It is impossible to get along without this kind of expense, but it has been the endeavor to keep it as low as possible.

The amount expended for pauper supplies, for paupers living in town, and having a legal settlement in other towns, has been \$66.80, which will be repaid to the town.

Dr. F. C. Hall was employed to furnish all medical attendance to the paupers belonging to this town, for the year 1881, for the sum of \$30.00.

### TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS, <i>Agent</i> .		DR.
To amount paid for supplies, stock, etc., by the Agent,	\$764 87	
To paid Agent's salary, °	375 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,139 87
		CR.
By amount of produce, stock, etc., sold by Agent,	\$833 38	
improvement on tools and fur- niture from last year,	50 00	
<i>Balance against the farm,</i>	256 49	
	<hr/>	\$1,139 87

We think the Town Farm has been well managed and the poor well cared for, but in our opinion the condition of the



buildings is such as calls for serious consideration and prompt action.

Amount of stock and supplies on the farm: 1 horse, 1 yoke oxen, 7 cows, 2 two-year old heifers, 11 sheep, 35 hens, 2 swine, 15 tons hay, 40 bushels corn, 70 bushels potatoes, 58 bushels oats, 300 pounds pork, 100 pounds beef, 60 pounds cheese, 3 hams, 2 barrels cider, 1 barrel flour, lard, butter, beans, and vegetables sufficient for the use of the family.

We have re-engaged Charles A. Andrews and wife to take charge of the farm for the ensuing year. The number of poor on the farm is five.

JOHN W. TRUE,  
J. M. THOMPSON,  
A. H. NEVENS,

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor  
of New Gloucester.*

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## REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOL FUND

FROM APRIL 23, 1881, TO APRIL 23, 1882.

Amount of capital in secured notes by

first mortgages on real estate is \$4,258 30

In bank stock, 295 50

Total \$4,553 80

Amount of interest paid the Town

Treasurer the past year is \$259 49

Interest paid that was not collected,

for the year 1879, 42 00

Total amount paid Town Treasurer, \$301 49

The interest is all paid on the notes to April 23, 1881.

*Given under my hand this 20th day of  
February, 1882.*

B. W. MERRILL, *Treasurer.*

# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*To the Citizens of New Gloucester :*

The Superintending School Committee of New Gloucester respectfully submit the following report of the schools for the year ending April 1st, 1882 :

The whole number of children in town between the ages of 4 and 21 years, on the first day of April, 1881, was,	427
Whole number attending summer schools,	213
Average number,	153
Whole number attending fall schools,	207
Average number,	154
Whole number attending winter schools,	264
Average number,	196

## TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

### SUMMER TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Average cost per pupil per term.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Mary Stevens.	26	22	10	\$4 00		\$2 00	\$2 72	\$60 00
2	Mariana C. Bailey.	32	29	10	5 50		2 00	2 59	75 00
3	Mellie H. McCollister.	21	17	10	5 00		2 00	4 11	70 00
4	Cora E. Thayer.	12	11	10	3 00		2 00	4 54	50 00
5	Edith True.	14	9	10	3 50		2 00	6 11	55 00
6	Abbie E. Packard.	30	21	10	5 00		2 50	3 57	75 00
7	Dora M. Thurlow.	14	9	10	3 00		2 00	5 55	50 00
8	Abbie S. Jordan.	14	11	10	3 00		2 00	4 54	50 00
9	Ada V. Cummings.	15	14	12	3 00		2 00	4 28	60 00
10	Annexed to Poland.								
11	Nellie Nevens.	6	5	10	2 50		2 00	9 00	45 00
12	Sadie M. Harris.	8	6	10	3 50		2 00	9 11	55 00
13	Lizzie S. Witham.	12	9	10	2 75		1 75	5 00	45 00

## FALL TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Average cost per pupil per term.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Hortense Merrill.	25	21	8	\$5 00		\$2 50	\$2 85	\$60 00
2	Mariana C. Bailey.	30	25	8	5 50		2 00	2 40	60 00
3	Mellie H. McCollister.	24	13	8	5 00		2 00	4 30	56 00
	George Pierce.								
4	Cora E. Thayer.	21	13	8	3 00		2 00	3 07	40 00
5	Edith True.	16	13	8	3 50		2 00	4 15	44 00
6	Mary Stevens.	31	23	8	4 00		2 00	2 08	48 00
7	Dora M. Thurlow.	15	10	10	3 00		2 00	5 00	50 00
8	Abbie S. Jordan.	14	10	8	3 00		2 00	4 00	40 00
9	(No Fall Term.)								
10	(Annexed to Poland.)								
11	Helen L. Nevens.	6	5	8	3 00		2 00	8 00	40 00
12	Alice M. Sewall.	12	9	8	3 50		2 00	4 88	44 00
13	Mary L. Bickford.	13	12	8	2 75		1 75	3 00	36 00

## WINTER TERM.

1	Hortense Merrill.	31	21	12	\$5 00		\$2 50	\$4 29	\$90 00
2	S. S. Twombly.	37	30	12		\$40 00	3 25	5 30	159 00
3	Mellie H. McCollister.	27	19	12	6 00		2 00	5 05	96 00
4	Mary Stevens.	23	18	10	4 00		2 50	3 61	65 00
5	Alice Sewall.	20	19	12	4 00		2 50	4 11	78 00
6	John A. Russell.	43	21	12		35 00	3 25	5 33	144 00
7	Sadie M. Harris.	26	15	10	4 00		2 00	4 00	60 00
8	Abbie S. Jordan.	15	11	12	4 00		2 00	6 55	72 00
9	Ada V. Cummings.	17	16	14	4 00		2 00	5 25	84 00
10	(Annexed to Poland.)								
11	Cora E. Thayer.	4	3	11	4 00		2 00	22 00	66 00
12	Carrie B. Watts.	10	9	12	3 75		2 25	8 00	72 00
13	Herbert L. Berry.	11	8	12		16 00	2 75	10 12½	81 00

## RESOURCES.

Amount in the Treasury March 1st, 1881,	
available for school purposes after all out-	
standing bills were paid,	\$335 08
Amount voted by town,	1,525 00
Received from State mill tax, due Jan. 1, 1881,	458 39
Received from State school fund,	183 05
Received from school fund,	259 49
Due from non-residents for tuition,	40 14
	<hr/> \$2,801 15

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers' wages for summer schools, including board,	\$690 00
teachers' wages for fall schools, including board,	518 00
teachers' wages for winter schools, including board,	1,077 00
for cleaning school houses,	16 00
for wood for 1881,	10 00
for care of school buildings,	35 00
for insurance,	21 34
Sumner Gowell for proportion of money due district No. 10, for 1881,	45 44
Frank Edwards for proportion of school money for 1881,	17 04
Elbridge Titcomb, for proportion of school money for 1881,	11 36
Due for wood for use in 1882,	136 00
for outstanding bills, estimated,	25 00
Paid for contingent expenses,	10 22
Total amount of expenditures for the year 1881,	<u>\$2,612 40</u>
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	<u>\$188 75</u>

Upon examination of the foregoing tables some facts are plainly visible, and will undoubtedly arrest your attention, and you will be led to inquire why so small a part of our pupils are in regular attendance upon the schools. While your teachers may not in all cases be such as we could wish, we cannot but feel that a very great part of the fault is with the parents who, instead of helping the teachers with their influence and overlooking the many imperfections that will ever be found, are too ready, for reasons that are trivial, to pronounce the schools a failure and allow their children to attend or not, as they choose, thereby lessening the interest of the school, not only by their irregular attendance, but by their influence on other pupils.

You will also observe the increased cost per pupil for education in the smaller districts, and we would recommend that the subject of consolidating some of the districts be carefully considered, not only for reasons of economy, but for the best interests of education.

Our schools during the past year have been quite successful and we think fully up to those of previous years. The amount of work done has been very generally good. Most of the teachers have been competent and faithful, and the greater part of our scholars deserve



praise for their diligent and honest study. We regret to say that in a few instances there has been a want of co-operation on the part of parents and their children, with the teacher, which has been the means of working great harm to schools which would otherwise have been markedly successful.

We find that those teachers who are well qualified and have had special training for their business accomplish the most and best work. "As is the teacher so is the school" has become an axiom. It may safely be said that no superior school system can anywhere be found at the present time, which is not largely dependent for its success upon well qualified and trained teachers. To meet the increasing necessity, Maine has established and sustains three most excellent Normal Schools, and we take this opportunity to express our satisfaction in the character of these schools, as shown in the work of teachers we have employed.

It is the aim of the Normal School to give instruction in the fundamental principles of teaching, hence the study of the mind, its organization, the various stages of its development, and the laws which govern its action, are made a specialty. The principles which underlie all true instruction, and which have been demonstrated by the first educators of the world, are there studied and discussed; and the best methods of the best teachers are not only brought under the daily observation of the students, but are carried into actual practice by them before they can receive the diploma of the school. It necessarily follows that the work of teachers thus prepared is superior to that which they could do without such preparation.

We would by no means take the position that all trained teachers are successful, neither would we set aside as worthless all untrained teachers, but we do claim and believe that the value of the best teachers among us who have had no special fitting for the work would be greatly enhanced by a course of special training in the Normal School.

We have often felt obliged to report teachers as doing good work, and a term of school as a profitable term, when the statements thus made were but relatively true and deserved. These teachers were able in many respects, were faithful and conscientious in the discharge of duty and, judged by their standard of what constitutes good work in the school room, few adverse criticisms could be made. But the character of the work done by a teacher who has no guide in teaching but the text-book, who assigns for lessons a definite number of pages to be memorized, who tests the knowledge of the pupils by asking the printed questions at the foot of the page, differs greatly from that of the teacher whose work is based upon definite principles, who, freed from the trammels of the text-book, but master of the subject in hand, is at liberty to devote his power to so guiding and shaping the

mental operations of the pupils as to secure clear comprehension of the matter taught.

The old routine of the school room is ill adapted to fit our boys and girls for the demands and work of to-day. In place of the old-time process of cramming, we must have methods that will sharpen the wits, strengthen the reason, and cultivate all the mental and moral powers. We earnestly recommend all teachers and would-be teachers to avail themselves of the advantages offered by the Normal Schools.

In conclusion we will once more call your attention to the fact that the success of our schools does largely depend upon the interest and co-operation of parents. Your school committee may be ever so efficient, you may employ the best teachers, yet, unless parents send their pupils regularly and promptly for instruction, and, furthermore, unless they visit the schools and encourage teachers in their work, the school funds will not and can not be used to the best advantage.

JOHN I. STURGIS,  
GEORGE B. PIERCE,  
F. H. HALL.

*Superintending School Committee.*

New Gloucester, Feb. 27th, 1882.

## Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

TO BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, a Constable of the town of New Gloucester, in the County of Cumberland, GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on the sixth day of March, A.D. 1882, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz. :

### ARTICLE 1st.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

### ARTICLE 2d.

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

### ARTICLE 3d.

To receive and allow accounts.

### ARTICLE 4th.

To hear and acts on reports.

### ARTICLE 5th.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

### ARTICLE 6th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

### ARTICLE 7th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

### ARTICLE 8th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

### ARTICLE 9th.

To see in what manner the sum of money voted for the repair of roads and bridges shall be raised.

### ARTICLE 10th.

To see what sum the town will vote to allow per hour for labor on the highway for men, oxen, and horses.

ARTICLE 11th.

To see if the town will vote to allow George S. Wilson and Francis Edwards to draw their proportion of school money.

ARTICLE 12th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school houses in repair.

ARTICLE 13th.

To see if the town will vote to choose a committee to see if a suitable location for a new Town House can be procured, and at what cost to the town. Also to get a plan and estimated expense of such a new Town House as the needs of the town require, and report at a subsequent meeting.

ARTICLE 14th.

To see if the town will vote to build a snow fence on the north side of the road on Harris Hill, between the houses of J. G. Bennett and E. W. Curtis, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 15th.

To see if the town will vote to choose a committee to examine the Town Farm and buildings thereon, and report to the town at a subsequent meeting, whether, in their opinion, it is practicable to keep the present Town Farm, and if so, what measures should be taken to repair the buildings and estimate the cost of doing the same.

ARTICLE 16th.

To see if the town will vote to allow Nathan E. Fickett to draw his proportion of school money.

ARTICLE 17th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a school house in District No. 13, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 18th.

To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to take legal proceedings, if necessary, to procure a lot for a school house in District No. 1.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at the Town House, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on said day of meeting.

Given under our hands at New Gloucester, this 24th day of February, A.D. 1882.

J. W. TRUE,

J. M. THOMPSON,

A. H. NEVENS,

*Selectmen of New Gloucester.*





